

Reference No. 6.12

**EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS-AUSTRALIA  
APRIL 1976**

**PRELIMINARY**



**MAIN FEATURES**

The following figures refer only to civilian wage and salary earners excluding those in agriculture and private domestic service.

- Although employment during April 1976 decreased by 5,200 persons (4,000 males, 1,300 females), in seasonally adjusted terms it increased by 5,700 persons.
- While private employment fell by 5,800 persons, Australian government employment by 1,600 and local government employment by 600, State government employment increased by 2,700. Both private and government employment increased in seasonally adjusted terms.
- Decreases were recorded in manufacturing (6,900) and construction (1,400), but these were partly offset by increases in education (1,600), retail trade (1,100) and health (1,000).

employing staff, and some part-time employees. For the sake of brevity, wage and salary earners are referred to in the tables as 'employees'.

4. Persons who are on paid leave or who work during part of the pay-period and are unemployed or on strike during the rest of the period are generally counted as employed. Those not shown on employers' payrolls because they are on leave without pay, on strike or stood down for the entire period are excluded.

**Method of estimation**

5. The estimates are based on benchmarks derived from the results of the 1971 population census and other relevant sources, such as special returns from government bodies and the Bureau's economic censuses and surveys. Month-to-month changes shown by current returns are linked to the benchmark data to derive the monthly estimates. Current returns are of three main types :

- payroll tax returns
- returns from government bodies
- other current employment returns (e.g. for hospitals).

6. Recorded employment obtained from these sources is estimated to account for nearly 90 per cent of the total number of employees in the industries covered. The balance (that is, unrecorded private employment) is estimated.

**Government employment**

7. Government employees comprise not only administrative employees but also all other employees of government bodies (Australian, State, local and semi-government) on services such as railways, road transport, banks, postal and telecommunications, air transport, education (including universities), radio, television, police, public works, factories and departmental hospitals and institutions.

**NOTE.** Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding. The figures shown are subject to revision.

**EXPLANATORY NOTES**

**Introduction**

This preliminary statement will be followed in due course by the monthly bulletin *Employment and Unemployment* (Reference No. 6.4) which gives information in greater detail.

**Reference period**

2. Current data supplied by reporting enterprises or establishments generally refer to persons on the payroll for the last pay-period in each month.

**Scope of estimates**

3. The series in this statement relate only to *wage and salary earners*, not the total labour force. The statistics therefore exclude employers, self-employed persons, unpaid helpers and the unemployed. Also excluded because of the inadequacy of current data, are employees in agriculture and private households

**NOTE.** Inquiries concerning these statistics may be made by telephoning Mr Joe Christensen on 52 6655 or, in each State capital, by telephoning the office of the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

TABLE 1. — CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES  
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)  
('000)

Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T. (a)	Australia	
									Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)
MALES										
1975 — March	1,101.4	834.5	405.5	277.6	247.5	90.4	23.5	51.4	3,031.8	3,019.8
April	†1,093.9	836.0	409.9	278.5	248.2	91.1	23.7	51.7	†3,032.9	†3,030.3
1976 — March	1,075.6	r825.0	r407.5	r276.4	r248.5	89.1	24.6	52.3	r2,999.0	r2,987.1
April	1,072.1	822.9	409.3	276.8	248.7	89.0	24.4	51.8	2,995.0	2,992.5
FEMALES										
1975 — March	621.8	487.5	205.4	156.4	132.6	44.8	10.9	33.5	1,693.0	1,682.9
April	625.2	488.2	206.7	157.7	133.4	45.8	11.2	33.8	1,702.0	1,695.4
1976 — March	625.4	r500.2	r214.8	r165.0	136.3	r47.1	r12.1	35.5	r1,736.3	r1,725.9
April	624.6	498.5	216.0	165.3	136.3	46.9	12.2	35.2	1,735.0	1,728.1
PERSONS										
1975 — March	1,723.2	1,322.0	610.9	433.9	380.1	135.3	34.5	84.9	4,724.8	4,706.4
April	†1,719.1	1,324.2	616.6	436.2	381.6	136.9	34.9	85.5	†4,734.9	†4,727.7
1976 — March	1,701.0	r1,325.2	r622.3	r441.3	384.7	r136.2	r36.7	r87.7	r4,735.2	r4,716.8
April	1,696.6	1,321.4	625.4	442.1	385.1	135.9	36.6	87.0	4,730.0	4,722.5

(a) Includes persons employed in the Australian Capital Territory who reside in adjoining areas. (b) For details of the methods used see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, 1976* (Reference No. 1.10) — to be issued shortly. r — revised. † Affected by industrial dispute.

TABLE 2. — TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES (PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT) AND DEFENCE FORCES : AUSTRALIA  
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)  
('000)

Month	Private	Government (a)				Civilian employees	Defence forces (c)	Total civilian employees and defence forces
		Australian	State (b)	Local (b)	Total (b)			
MALES								
1975 – March	2,126.0	276.8	518.0	111.0	905.8	3,031.8	65.5	3,097.3
April	2,127.8	278.0	†510.7	116.5	†905.1	†3,032.9	65.8	†3,098.7
1976 – March	r2,097.8	276.0	r523.3	101.9	r901.2	r2,999.0	65.4	r3,064.4
April	2,093.9	275.0	524.7	101.4	901.1	2,995.0	65.5	3,060.5
FEMALES								
1975 – March	1,333.4	113.5	227.1	19.0	359.6	1,693.0	3.2	1,696.2
April	1,337.5	115.0	230.3	19.2	364.5	1,702.0	3.4	1,705.4
1976 – March	r1,357.4	115.4	243.7	19.8	r378.8	r1,736.3	3.5	r1,739.8
April	1,355.4	114.8	245.0	19.7	379.6	1,735.0	3.6	1,738.6
PERSONS								
1975 – March	3,459.4	390.2	745.1	130.0	1,265.4	4,724.8	68.8	4,793.6
April	3,465.3	393.0	†741.0	135.6	†1,269.6	†4,734.9	69.2	†4,804.1
1976 – March	r3,455.2	391.4	r767.0	121.7	r1,280.0	r4,735.2	68.9	r4,804.1
April	3,449.4	389.8	769.7	121.1	1,280.6	4,730.0	69.1	4,799.1

(a) Includes semi-government bodies. (b) Excludes State and local government employees (5.6 thousand persons in June 1975) engaged in agriculture or in private homes as employees of government emergency housekeeper services. (c) Permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas. r — revised. † Affected by industrial dispute.

**TABLE 3. - CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES : BY INDUSTRY, AUSTRALIA**  
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)  
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ASIC Division(a)	ASIC Industry (a)	MALES				FEMALES				PERSONS			
		1975		1976		1975		1976		1975		1976	
		Mar.	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.
A (part)	(b) Forestry, fishing and hunting	14.3	14.4	13.6	13.6	0.9	0.8	1.0	1.1	15.2	15.2	14.6	14.7
B	Mining	74.7	74.9	72.6	72.7	5.8	5.8	r5.7	5.8	80.5	80.8	78.3	78.4
C	Manufacturing	903.8	902.0	r894.1	891.0	312.9	311.4	r317.3	313.5	1,216.7	1,213.4	r1,211.4	1,204.5
	Food, beverages and tobacco	142.6	141.6	r144.4	143.3	54.6	52.5	r52.5	50.8	197.3	194.1	r196.9	194.2
	Textiles	23.6	23.9	25.1	24.9	16.7	17.1	19.4	19.0	40.3	41.0	44.5	43.9
	Clothing and footwear	19.9	20.1	20.5	20.2	66.5	66.7	71.7	71.1	86.5	86.8	92.3	91.3
	Paper and paper products, printing	74.2	73.9	72.3	72.1	26.5	26.3	r25.6	25.6	100.7	100.2	r97.9	97.6
	Metal products, machinery and equipment	443.7	442.5	431.2	430.3	92.1	92.2	91.2	90.3	535.7	534.9	522.1	520.7
	Basic metal products	86.6	86.2	83.0	82.8	7.6	7.5	7.0	6.9	94.2	93.8	89.9	89.8
	Fabricated metal products	89.2	88.6	86.6	86.2	21.6	21.4	22.0	21.8	110.8	110.1	108.6	108.0
	Transport equipment	133.6	133.7	r133.7	133.8	16.0	16.2	17.0	17.0	149.6	149.9	r150.6	150.8
	Other machinery and equipment	134.3	134.0	127.9	127.5	46.9	47.1	45.2	44.6	181.1	181.1	173.0	172.1
D	Electricity, gas and water	91.2	†89.4	91.2	91.1	9.2	9.2	9.1	9.1	100.4	†98.5	r100.3	100.2
E	Construction	385.6	†382.4	r354.0	352.5	18.0	18.0	18.2	18.3	403.6	†400.5	r372.2	370.8
F	Wholesale and retail trade	546.2	548.6	r553.0	553.5	403.4	406.5	r409.4	409.9	949.6	955.1	r962.4	963.3
	Wholesale trade	242.1	242.9	r243.2	243.1	95.6	95.6	r94.9	94.8	337.7	338.5	r338.1	337.9
	Retail trade	304.1	305.7	309.8	310.3	307.8	311.0	314.5	315.1	611.9	616.7	r624.3	625.4
	Motor vehicle dealers, petrol and tyre retailers	139.1	139.7	141.2	142.0	29.3	29.3	30.0	30.3	168.4	169.0	171.2	172.3
	Other retail trade	165.0	166.0	r168.6	168.4	278.6	281.7	284.5	284.8	443.5	447.7	r453.2	453.1
G	Transport and storage	219.7	220.0	r214.9	214.8	36.7	36.7	36.3	36.4	256.3	256.7	r251.2	251.2
	Road transport	84.5	84.0	r82.0	82.4	14.0	14.0	13.5	13.6	98.4	98.0	r95.6	96.0
H	Communication	73.0	72.9	71.6	71.6	29.9	29.7	29.1	29.2	102.8	102.7	100.7	100.8
I	Finance, insurance, real estate and business services	199.1	198.7	196.6	196.4	180.9	181.3	182.9	182.7	380.1	380.0	379.5	379.2
J	Public administration and defence (c)	149.9	151.7	152.9	152.9	82.4	84.4	90.6	90.1	232.3	236.1	243.5	243.0
K	Community services	265.8	267.1	r275.6	276.4	451.0	454.2	r473.6	476.0	716.8	721.3	r749.2	752.4
	Health	60.4	60.6	r63.0	63.4	237.6	238.7	r248.6	249.3	298.0	299.3	r311.7	312.7
	Education, libraries, museums and art galleries	113.3	114.1	119.7	120.0	174.0	176.0	185.0	186.3	287.3	290.1	304.7	306.3
L	Entertainment, recreation, restaurants hotels and personal services (d)	108.5	110.8	r108.8	108.6	162.0	163.8	r163.2	163.1	270.5	274.6	r272.0	271.7
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,031.8</b>	<b>†3,032.9</b>	<b>r2,999.0</b>	<b>2,995.0</b>	<b>1,693.0</b>	<b>1,702.0</b>	<b>r1,736.3</b>	<b>1,735.0</b>	<b>4,724.8</b>	<b>†4,734.9</b>	<b>r4,735.2</b>	<b>4,730.0</b>

(a) Australian Standard Industrial Classification. Some Division totals include industries not specified separately. (b) Excludes ASIC Sub-divisions 01(Agriculture) and 02(Services to agriculture). (c) Excludes members of the permanent defence forces. (d) Excludes ASIC Sub-division 94 Private households employing staff. r - revised. † Affected by industrial dispute.

TABLE 4. — CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES : AUSTRALIA  
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES  
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)  
('000)

Month	Total civilian employees			Private/Government(persons)		Principal industries (persons)	
	Males	Females	Persons	Private	Government(a)	Manufacturing	Wholesale and retail trade
ORIGINAL							
1975 — March	3,031.8	1,693.0	4,724.8	3,459.4	1,265.4	1,216.7	949.6
April	† 3,032.9	1,702.0	† 4,734.9	3,465.3	† 1,269.6	1,213.4	955.1
May	3,047.3	1,704.8	4,752.0	3,462.6	1,289.4	1,208.4	955.9
June	† 3,043.5	1,709.2	† 4,752.7	† 3,457.1	1,295.5	1,204.8	955.7
July	† 3,028.5	1,712.4	† 4,740.9	† 3,445.1	1,295.8	1,202.7	955.3
August	3,014.7	1,712.9	4,727.5	3,435.7	1,291.8	1,199.7	951.5
September	3,007.6	1,717.8	4,725.4	3,439.7	1,285.6	1,200.3	954.8
October	3,004.1	1,725.1	4,729.3	3,447.8	1,281.4	1,204.7	960.0
November	3,000.3	1,732.7	4,732.9	3,454.9	1,278.0	1,207.3	965.6
December r	2,996.5	1,719.8	4,716.4	3,448.0	1,268.3	1,200.6	968.6
1976 — January r	2,987.5	1,703.4	4,690.9	3,423.2	1,267.7	1,197.0	954.9
February r	2,994.5	1,724.7	4,719.3	3,441.3	1,277.9	1,207.6	957.3
March r	2,999.0	1,736.3	4,735.2	3,455.2	1,280.0	1,211.4	962.4
April	2,995.0	1,735.0	4,730.0	3,449.4	1,280.6	1,204.5	963.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (b)							
1975 — March	3,019.8	1,682.9	4,706.4	3,444.6	1,256.4	1,210.5	950.4
April	† 3,030.3	1,695.4	† 4,727.7	3,460.6	† 1,263.7	1,212.7	956.4
May	3,038.3	1,698.4	4,736.2	3,458.6	1,282.4	1,207.1	953.5
June	† 3,043.0	1,704.8	† 4,748.0	† 3,460.2	1,290.0	1,203.6	954.9
July	† 3,036.7	1,715.8	† 4,752.0	† 3,464.3	1,293.9	1,206.6	962.5
August	3,024.6	1,718.7	4,742.0	3,453.6	1,292.6	1,203.3	959.7
September	3,019.7	1,721.3	4,741.3	3,448.3	1,289.7	1,203.7	960.8
October	3,018.3	1,725.5	4,744.1	3,453.7	1,289.1	1,205.7	962.1
November	2,995.7	1,723.8	4,715.4	3,430.4	1,284.3	1,200.5	952.8
December r	2,989.1	1,718.2	4,706.8	3,436.1	1,271.7	1,203.6	950.0
1976 — January r	2,989.3	1,724.9	4,714.8	3,435.8	1,276.2	1,202.2	959.9
February r	2,983.8	1,726.4	4,709.7	3,434.5	1,273.5	1,203.6	961.7
March r	2,987.1	1,725.9	4,716.8	3,440.2	1,271.0	1,205.3	963.1
April	2,992.5	1,728.1	4,722.5	3,444.7	1,274.6	1,203.8	964.7

(a) Includes semi-government bodies. (b) For details of the methods used see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators*, 1976 (Reference No. 1.10) to be issued shortly. r — revised. † Affected by industrial disputes.

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